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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q94348

Hitoshi AKIYAMA

Appln. No.: 10/575,257

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 8801

Examiner: TBA

Filed: April 10, 2006

For: TREAD PATTERN WHICH PROVIDES IMPROVED TRACTION
WITH REDUCED VIBRATION GENERATION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In view of the filing of the subject application on April 10, 2006, without the appropriate executed documents, and since Applicant's attorney has not yet received the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)"¹, Applicant submits herewith a copy of a duly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Applicant also submits concurrently herewith an Assignment to Bridgestone Corporation and an Application Data Sheet.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory late Declaration surcharge of \$130.00 and all additional required fees (with the exception of the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is also attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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